

## Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that::

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: TTO NITRIDE LINER FOR IMPROVED COLLAR PROTECTION AND TTO RELIABILITY

the specification of which (check one)

X

is attached hereto.

was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above- identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s):

Number	Country	Day/Month/Year	Priority Claimed
--------	---------	----------------	------------------

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to the patentability of this application as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Prior U.S. Applications:

Serial No.	Filing Date	Status
------------	-------------	--------

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Joseph P. Abate, Reg. No. 30,238; Jay Anderson, Reg. No. 38,371; Ira D. Blecker, Reg. No. 29,894; Steven Capella, Reg.No. 33,086; Daryl K. Neff, Reg. No. 38,253; Eric W. Petraske, Reg. No. 28,459; H. Daniel Schnurmann, Reg. No. 35,791; William P. Skladony, Reg. No. 33,787; Marc D. Schechter, Reg. No. 28,989.; Tiffany L. Townsend, Reg. No. 43,199; T. Rao Coca, Reg. No. 29,784; Harold Huberfeld, Reg. No. 26,665; Todd M.C. Li (Reg. No. 45,554); Susan Murray, Reg. No. 38,252; Margaret A. Pepper, Reg. No. 45,008; Christopher A. Hughes, Reg. No. 26,914; Edward A. Pennington, Reg. No. 32,588; John E. Hoel, Reg. No. 26,279; Joseph C. Redmond, Jr., Reg. No. 18,753 ; Richard L. Catania, Reg. No. 32,608; Leopold Presser, Reg. No. 19,827, Stephen D. Murphy, Reg. No. 22,002, Frank S. DiGiglio, Reg. No. 31,346; Kenneth L. King, Reg. No. 24,223 and Edward W. Grolz (Reg. No. 33,705).

Send all correspondence to:

Richard L. Catania, Esq.  
Scully, Scott, Murphy & Presser  
400 Garden City Plaza  
Garden City, NY 11530

Direct Telephone Calls to: Richard L. Catania., (516) 742-4343

- (1) Inventor: Rama Divakaruni  
 Signature: Rama Divakaruni April 9, 2001 Date  
 Residence: 1318 Heritage Hills  
219 Berkman Drive R.D.  
Middletown, NY 10941  
Schenes, NY 10589  
 Citizenship: USA  
 Post Office Address: Same as residence
- (2) Inventor: Thomas W. Dyer  
 Signature: Thomas W. Dyer 3/29/01 Date  
 Residence: 110 Rock Ledge Drive  
 Pleasant Valley, NY 12569  
 Citizenship: USA  
 Post Office Address: Same as residence
- (3) Inventor: Rajeev Malik  
 Signature: R Malik Apr 11, 2001 Date  
 Residence: 3 Pembroke Circle, #F 35 BROOKSIDE PL  
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 PLEASANTVILLE, NY 10570  
 Citizenship: India  
 Post Office Address: Same as residence
- (4) Inventor: Jack A. Mandelman  
 Signature: Jack A. Mandelman 4-9-01 Date  
 Residence: 5 Jamie Lane  
 Stormville, NY 10941  
 Citizenship: USA  
 Post Office Address: Same as residence
- (5) Inventor: V.C. Jai Prakash V.C. JAI PRAKASH Vj  
 Signature: Vj April 4, 2001 Date  
 Residence: 39 C. Hudson View Drive  
 Beacon, NY 12508  
 Citizenship: India  
 Post Office Address: Same as residence